

Gerard Ryle

Gerard Ryle (born 1965^[1]) is an Irish-Australian investigative reporter who has written on subjects including politics, financial and medical scandals, and police corruption.

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Born	London, England
Nationality	Irish Australian
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Known for	Director, International Consortium of Investigative Journalists
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Early life

Gerard Ryle was born in London to Irish parents. From Tralee, Co. Kerry in Ireland, he worked for the Irish Press in his early career. His great-grandfather, Maurice P Ryle, was also a journalist who was the editor of the *Kerry People* and worked as editor of the *Evening Herald* and deputy editor of the *Irish Independent*.^[2]

Career

Ryle emigrated from his native Ireland to Australia in 1988 and has worked for the Fairfax newspapers *The Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*. In 2007-2009, he exposed the international fraudster Tim Johnston who had deceived the governments of Australia, Britain, Russia and other countries over the Firepower Pill.^[3]

In September 2011, he was appointed Director of the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, a project of the Center for Public Integrity in Washington, D.C., USA.^[4]

In April 2013, ICIJ published a financial leak, the Offshore leaks, comprising tens of thousands of offshore bank accounts, in which many prominent international figures were implicated, including the ex-wife of Marc Rich, Azerbaijan's ruling family, the daughter of Imelda Marcos, and the late Baron Elie de Rothschild.^[5] The leak was the largest ever, at more than 160 times the size in gigabytes of the Wikileaks Cablegate in 2010. "To analyze the documents, ICIJ collaborated with

reporters from *The Guardian* and the BBC in the U.K., *Le Monde* in France, *Süddeutsche Zeitung* and *Norddeutscher Rundfunk* in Germany, *The Washington Post*, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) and 31 other media partners around the world."^[6] The 15-month investigation began when Ryle brought ICIJ a hard drive that he received by mail from an anonymous informant.

In April 2016, ICIJ published another major financial leak, the *Panama Papers*.

Selected publications

- Firepower: The most spectacular fraud in Australian history* (<http://www.allenandunwin.com/default.aspx?page=94&book=9781741753554>) Allen & Unwin, Sydney 2009. ISBN 978-1-74175-355-4

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External links

- What does it take to create one of the country's most spectacular frauds?* (<http://wotnews.com.au/view/3355033/>) (Audio) Interview with Gerard Ryle, Australian ABC Radio National, 30 April 2009
 - Gerard Ryle talking about the Panama Papers. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsT17LHRI50&feature=youtu.be>)
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